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SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are running Pre/Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked in Tenth Plan under this scheme;

(c) the role of States and Union Territories for implementation of this scheme;

(d) the recommendation of working group on empowerment of SCs in Tenth Plan; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) Government is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Post MatricScholarship for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Pre Matric Scholarship for thechildren of those engaged in unclean occupations. The Tenth Plan allocations under the above schemes are Rs. 1544.50 crores and Rs 87.00 crores respectively.

(c) These schemes are being implemented by the State Governments and Union TerritoryAdministrations who identify the eligible students and make arrangements for disbursement of scholarships. The States/ Union Territories bear the committed liability (to the extent of the last year of the previous plan). Also 50% of the expenditure over and above the committed liability is contributed by the States/Union Territories in case of pre- Matric scholarship.

(d) The working Group on empowering the Scheduled Castes during the Tenth Five year Planrecommended continuation of these schemes with modifications to make them more effective. Modifications suggested inter-alia included revision of the rates of scholarships and allowances, revision of the income ceiling of the family of the students and the revision of the funding pattern.

(e) This Ministry has already taken steps for revision of these schemes accordingly.